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University. The chief documentary source of information has been the collection of trade-union publications in the Johns Hopkins Library. This study of the printed material has, however, been supplemented by personal interviews and correspondence with both national and local trade-union officials and with employers of labor in a number of industrial centers."

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**THE NEW PURCHASE, OR SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS IN THE FAR WEST.** By Robert Carlton. Indiana Centennial Edition edited by James Albert Woodburn. (Princeton, N. J., Princeton University Press, 1916. Pp. 522. \$3.00 net.)

The real name of the original author was Baynard Rush Hall, who was the first professor of the Indiana Seminary in 1824. The editor of this centennial edition of the work is the well known professor of American history at Indiana University.

Judge D. D. Banta, an authority on early Indiana history, says of "The New Purchase" that it is "the best and truest history of pioneer life and pioneer surroundings in Indiana that can anywhere be found."

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**OUR CHIEF MAGISTRATE AND HIS POWERS.** By William Howard Taft. (New York, Columbia University Press, 1916. Pp. 165. \$1.50.)

The former President of the United States delivered a series of lectures at Columbia University on the George Blumenthal Foundation in 1915. This book is the result or substance of those lectures. The title is expressive and everyone concedes the distinguished author's ability to discuss such a theme in a way to enlighten and entertain the reader.

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**THE TOURIST'S NORTHWEST.** By Ruth Kedzie Wood. (New York, Dodd, Mead & Company, 1916. Pp. 528. \$1.25.)

Ruth Kedzie Wood, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, is the author of half a dozen books in this "Tourist's" series, including such titles as "Russia," "Spain and Portugal," "California," and "Maritime Provinces."

This volume is a useful and well illustrated handbook on the Pacific Northwest. Places of interest are pointed out and also the means of reaching them. There are two chapters on hotels, sports and amusements.

Oregon's rivers, mountains and valleys, Washington's great peaks, lakes, Puget Sound, British Columbia, Idaho, and Montana are all

given attention. Thirty-one illustrations and five maps add a charm to the book.

By way of introduction, there is a quotation on "Training of a Traveller" from an address by the Right Honorable Viscount Bryce, former Ambassador of England to the United States.

The author has pleasant things to say about the cities mentioned as, for example: "Chosen bride of the North Pacific, Seattle has domain over the lesser Nereids of the inland Puget Sea."

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. By Matthew Page Andrews. (Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1916. Pp. 368. \$1.00.)

This is another addition to the goodly number of text books designed for the seventh and eighth grades. There are a number of good maps and 151 illustrations. The Oregon country is treated accurately but with a too severe brevity.

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SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS. By the State Department of History. (Pierre, State Publishing Company, 1916. Pp. 596.)

Volume VIII., like its predecessors, is largely the work of Doane Robinson, the tireless worker for history in South Dakota. He is secretary and superintendent of the South Dakota Department of History.

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THE RUSSIAN OFFER OF MEDIATION IN THE WAR OF 1812. By Frank A. Golder. (New York, Ginn & Company, 1916. Pp. 380-391, being reprinted from the Political Science Quarterly for September, 1916.)

Professor Frank A. Golder of the State College of Washington is making himself an authority on Russian history as it touches America. In this case he has not only consulted American sources, published and in manuscript, but he uses materials gleaned in the archives at Petrograd while at work there for the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

He succeeds in the purpose of this special study, namely, to establish the uprightness of Chancellor Romanzoff, who has heretofore been more or less under a cloud of distrust. That cloud is here shifted to the shoulders of Czar Alexander I. The study is especially interesting just now while America is out of war and Russia is in.

Professor Golder concludes about Romanzoff: "The stories circulated about him by Lord Walpole are false in every particular, for which Alexander's double-faced method was largely to blame. The